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Docket No.: 54024-026

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Mutsuhiro YAMANAKA, et al.

Application No.: 09/757,654

Filed: January 11, 2001

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

: Customer Number: 20277
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: Confirmation Number: 8020
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: Group Art Unit: 2612
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: Examiner: Carramah J. Quiett
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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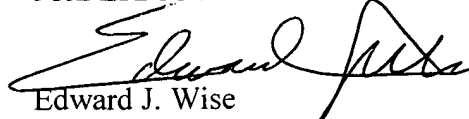
Sir:

Noting the Office Action of December 28, 2004 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group First Species (claims 1-9 and 12-16) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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